

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF A DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AMENDMENT TO AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, TO IMPLEMENT THE MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES ACT
INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health (Director) or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment to an Affiliation Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), for the development and implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Integrated Services for Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders (COD) Training and Curriculum Development Program (COD Program) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08. This Amendment will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for UCLA by \$1,356,316 and will establish a new MCA of \$4,650,218. The Amendment will be effective upon execution through June 30, 2008.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to this Agreement and establish as a new MCA the aggregate of the original Agreement and all amendments through and including this Amendment, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to UCLA under this Agreement for FY 2007-08 shall not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable revised MCA; 2) any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or their designee is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable MCA, and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after the execution of this Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Implementation of the COD Program will enable UCLA to develop and implement a comprehensive COD curriculum that includes intensive training for mental health and substance abuse treatment personnel working in children's MHSA Full Services

Partnership (FSP) programs on best practices, including evidence-based and unique, innovative approaches to preventing COD and treating children/youth and families with COD.

BACKGROUND

The focus of the State approved MHSA CSS Plan is on recovery-oriented services for people who are diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness or serious emotional problems, including children and their families, transition-age youth (TAY), adults, and older adults. Special emphasis is placed upon individuals who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness, incarceration, or placement in long-term locked mental health facilities because of their mental illness. Consideration is also given to adequately and appropriately addressing the unique needs of the diverse ethnic and racial groups in our County.

The COD Program will offer a comprehensive COD curriculum that includes intensive training for mental health and substance abuse treatment personnel working in children's MHSA FSP programs on best practices, including evidence-based and unique, innovative approaches to preventing COD and treating persons with COD.

COD treatment competency will be maintained countywide by providing intensive ongoing training for children's FSP providers that includes practicum experiences and ongoing on-site consultation by experts in the field. Trainers from organizations that are within and outside the DMH system and who have knowledge and experience working with persons with COD, specifically with ethnic and racial minority populations that currently do not access DMH services, will be utilized.

There is no net County cost associated with the COD Program. The FY 2007-08 total COD Program cost is \$1,356,316 which is fully funded by MHSA CSS funds. Funding in the amount of \$1,162,556 is included in the Department's FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget. The remaining amount of MHSA CSS funds, totaling \$193,760, will be included in the Department's FY 2007-08 Supplemental Budget Request.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On January 12, 2007 the Department of Mental Health (DMH) issued RFS No. 10 (The COD Program) to 43 qualified bidders on the MHSA Master Agreement list that indicating an interest in developing and implementing the COD Program on their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). DMH sent agencies who expressed interest in developing and implementing the COD Program a notice of the release of the RFS

along with a compact disc of the RFS, and invited them to attend a mandatory Proposers' Conference on February 1, 2007. Representatives from 22 contract agencies attended the Proposers' Conference. DMH received two (2) proposals by the deadline of March 5, 2007. Soon after, DMH convened a review panel of five (5) individuals representing consumers, other County departments, and DMH staff to assess and score the proposals. UCLA's proposal evaluated by this panel met the requirements to implement all service components offered by the COD Program and received the higher score. DMH's Executive Management Team reviewed both scores and then finalized its recommendation.

DMH conducted a debriefing for the provider who was not awarded RFS No. 10 funding, and no further review was requested.

Based on the recommendation of the evaluation panel and by DMH's Executive Management Team, UCLA will develop and implement a COD Program to ensure that: (1) mental health and substance abuse treatment personnel have an expanded understanding of COD issues, and why identification of and interventions for these issues are important; (2) mental health and substance abuse treatment personnel conduct integrated assessments for COD; (3) mental health and substance abuse treatment personnel use brief intervention strategies for persons with multiple needs; (4) mental health and substance abuse treatment personnel develop additional skills in working effectively with ethnic and racial minority populations with COD; and (5) COD treatment competence is maintained countywide by providing intensive ongoing trainings and consultation.

Upon Board approval, DMH will amend an Affiliation Agreement with UCLA to develop and implement the COD Program in all Service Areas which will significantly enhance the availability a quality of integrated, coordinated services for children and families affected by COD throughout the County.

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